

CENTRAL LIBRARY

90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

At a Glance: 2006

Built-Remodeled	1917-1949-1985-2002
Square Ft	90,353
Hours/week*	51.5
Days/open/week	Seven
Materials Budget	\$288,337
Collection Size	413,256

(Plus 258,259 government docs)

Books:

Adult	313,088
Juvenile	79,687
Total Circulation	319,414
Adult	217,780 (68%)
Juvenile	101,634 (32%)
Circulation/FTE	9,506
Total Information	99,788
Information/Ref FTE	5,702
In-House Materials Use	109,876
FTEs Public Service*	33.6
Gate Count	285,459

Computer Workstations (Public) 62: Internet: 23; Word processors: 3; Catalog workstations: 30; Children's workstations: 3; Jobview: 1; Others: 2

Lounge chairs: 9; Study tables: 11 with 80 chairs; Study carrels: 2

*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

SERVICE PROFILE:

The Central Library serves the entire city of Saint Paul. The Library is located on Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul, next to the James J. Hill Reference Library. Central Library serves as an important resource to those who use the library directly and to branch libraries throughout the City.

Central's traditional role is as a central resource. Anyone may call or email the Central Library with questions and other information requests. The branch libraries rely on Central Library for resources that cannot be maintained at every location. Central's Youth Services area has an extensive collection of children's and young adults' materials that are used by children, teachers, and parents throughout the community. The Youth Services area is also a gathering place for children and families to come together for story times and special performances.

Special collections at the Central Library include an extensive collection of music scores and sheet music, federal government documents, and the Saint Paul Collection, which includes material about the history of Saint Paul such as official city documents, maps, annual reports, high school yearbooks, and Winter Carnival materials.